

Vegetation Debris Disposal

How do you get rid of all the debris you remove from your property?



Visit the FIRESafe MARIN website for more information on debris disposal. The California Fire Safe Council and Firewise websites can also help you develop a fuel management program for your home and community.
www.firesafemarin.org
www.firesafecouncil.org
www.firewise.org



Chipping

Small diameter branches and other woody material can be chipped. Many neighborhoods have organized chipper days where this material is brought to a central location and chipped. Communities can also organize a curbside service where the equipment is brought to the property. If your neighborhood doesn't already have a chipping program, ask your fire department how you can set one up.

Firewood

Large branches or trees that are removed to create defensible space make excellent fire wood. If you don't have a woodstove, consider giving your wood to someone who does. You might also store it for future camping trips, but remember to keep it at least 30 feet away from your house.

Composting

Vegetation debris will eventually break down into soil as it naturally does on the forest floor. To speed this up, it must be ground into finer pieces so microorganisms can get to it easily. The Bolinas-Stinson Resource Recovery Center has had success in turning debris piles into compost which are used for gardening and other landscaping purposes.

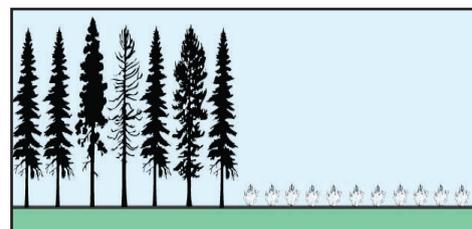
Brush Drop-Off

If you don't already have a place to drop off brush, ask your fire department for suggestions. Neighbors can get together to either rent a truck or hire a landscaping service to remove the material and take it to a landfill.

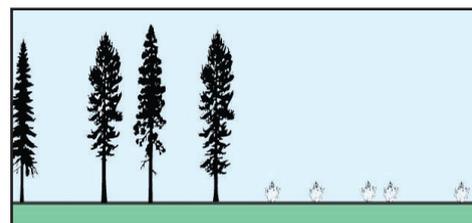
Remember to be especially careful when disposing of material contaminated with Sudden Oak Death. This material should not be taken across county lines.



Before...



After...



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